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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey herewith a letter dated 6 May 2017 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, regarding the Turkish airstrikes on the town of Sinjar, in northern Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed Sahib **Marzooq**
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On 25 April 2017, Turkish Forces once again committed a flagrant violation of Iraqi sovereignty by launching more than 20 rockets at the Jabal Sinjar area in northern Iraq. The attack killed a number of members of the Peshmerga forces along with several of the region's inhabitants. I should like to stress that that attack was a clear violation of international law and international norms, as well as the principle of friendly relations between neighbouring countries.

My country's Government reiterates what it has stated in previous letters with regard to the importance of respecting Iraq's sovereignty and borders, which must not be violated or breached under any pretext whatsoever. You should also be aware that the Turkish Government gave no advance warning, nor did it request approval or coordination. That behaviour is unacceptable and will adversely affect good-neighbourly relations between our two countries. It also undermines the tireless war being fought by Iraq on behalf of the entire world against terrorism in the form of the terrorist Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) gangs, which will pose a threat to international and regional peace and security.

In the light of the above, I call on you to take resolute measures to ensure that the Turkish side refrains from repeating this type of attack and withdraws its military forces from Iraqi territory immediately, with a view to maintaining international peace and security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, international law, and the basic principles upon which the Organization is founded.

In closing, I should like to express my appreciation for your ongoing efforts in support of Iraq.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim **Al-Jaafari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs